President.—

If you are given time, you will refer to the statement. Is it not?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

Yes, Sir.

Articles of Export and Import.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA (*Landlords*).

48. Has the Government any information as to what are the chief articles of export and import from and to Cochin during the last thirty years and the approximate value of each item of import and export each year?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

Government has no information in the matter.

Mr. A. B. SALEM (*Jews*).

Sir, yesterday the honourable member for Chalakkudi raised a point of order as to whether the Secretary was in order in calling out the names of the questioners, and not standing up when doing so. It was ruled that he was in order. But I wish to say that the Secretary as a Secretary has absolutely no mouth or place inside the Council. He is only placed as a member of the Council. If he was an ordinary Secretary and not a member of this House, I think, the President would be calling the names. I know that the President's decision should not be questioned. I bow to the President's decision. I only say that, if he had not been nominated as a member of this Council, he would have had no function inside the Council at all, not even to open his mouth. I bow to your wishes. My point, however, is that he opens his mouth as a member and not as a Secretary at all; and all members should rise from their seats when they speak, according to the rules.

President.—

I desire to point out for the information of Mr. Salem that what the Secretary does is ministerial work.

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